

## Vowels

| <b>A, a</b>  |          | <b>E, e</b>   |               | <b>I, i</b>   |           |
|--|----------|---|---------------|---|-----------|
| <b>long- "aw" as in 'dog',<br/>short- before two<br/>consonants "ah" as in</b>                   |          | <b>long- "ay-ih"<br/>short- before two<br/>consonants, "eh" as in "bed"</b>                           |               | <b>long- a stretched "ee",<br/>short- before two<br/>consonants, a shorter "ee"</b>         |           |
| hage (pasture)   | aw       | det (it)  | ay-ih         | vida (far)  | eeee      |
| kan (can)  | aw       | leva (live)   | ay-ih         | kista (chest)   | eeee      |
| natten (night)   | ah       | mellan (between)  | eh            | mitt (my)   | ee        |
| samma (same)   | ah       | detta (this)  | eh            | vill (wants)  | ee        |
| tack (thanks)  | ah       | hetsa (to rush)   | eh            | vinden (wind)   | ee        |
| <b>O, o</b> (*kiss vowel)  |          | <b>U, u</b> (*kiss vowel)   |               | <b>Y, y</b> (*kiss vowel)   |           |
| <b>long- "oo" protrude lips,<br/>short- before two<br/>consonants, clipped "oh";</b>             |          | <b>long - ee tongue + oo lips as<br/>in 'view"; short- before two<br/>consonants, oo as in "good"</b> |               | <b>long- "ee" with protruding<br/>lips, short before two<br/>consonants, "ih"lips</b>       |           |
| stol (chair)   | oo       | uti (into)  | ee+oo         | flyga (fly)   | ee + lips |
| dom (judgment)   | oo       | Jul (Christmas)   | ee+oo         | mysig (cozy)  | ee + lips |
| konstig (strange)  | aw/oh    | hus (house)   | ee+oo         | tysta (silent)  | ih + lips |
| hoppa (jump)   | aw/oh    | sjutton (17)  | oo/good +lips | nytt (new)  | ih + lips |
| kommer (comes)   | aw/oh    | luftig (airy)   | oo/good +lips | syll (RR tie)   | ih + lips |
| <b>Ä, ä</b>  |          | <b>Å, å</b> (*kiss lips)  |               | <b>Ö, ö</b> (*kiss lips)  |           |
| <b>"eh" as in 'bed';<br/>"a" as in "add" before R</b>  |          | <b>pure "oh" protruding lips;<br/>releases to unaccented 'uh'</b>                                     |               | <b>long- stretched "uh" + "ih"<br/>short - before two consonants,<br/>quick "eh" + "ih"</b> |           |
| tänk (think)   | eh       | spår (track)  | "oh-uh"       | grön (green)  | stretched |
| vänner (friends)   | eh       | mås (gull)  | "oh-uh"       | över (over)   | stretched |
| där (where)  | a in add | båda (both)   | "oh-uh"       | möts (met)  | short     |
| bära (meadow)  | a in add | många (many)  | "oh/aw"       | öppna (open)  | short     |
|  |          | svårt (difficult)   | "oh/aw"       | född (born)   | short     |
| (Mnemonic-Old McDonald-eieio)<br><b>E, I, Ä, Y, and Ö</b><br>Changes G to Y and K and SK to "HW" |          | <b>* Kiss lipped vowels</b><br><b>O, U, Å, Y, and Ö</b><br>lips protrude                              |               | <b>A, O, U, and Å</b><br>Won't change consonants  |           |

**Consonants B P F V H S M NG X are as in English.**

|  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| <b>G, g</b>  | <b>G, g</b>   | <b>J, j</b>   |
| <b>Y sound before E, I, Y, Ä, Ö</b>  | <b>Regular hard G-sound before A, O, U, and Å</b>   | <b>EE + Y and preceding consonant is silent in lj-, gj-, hj-, dj-</b>   |
| ge (give)<br>gissa! (guess!)<br>gyllene (golden)<br>gäst (guest)<br>göra (make)            | gammel (old)<br>go (walk, leave)<br>Guds (God)<br>gåva (gift)   | jag (I)<br>ljus (light)<br>gjort (done)<br>hjort (deer)<br>djup (deep)  |
| <b>K, k</b>  | <b>K, k</b>   | <b>GN, KN</b>   |
| <b>Before A, O, U, and Å K makes a K-sound</b>   | <b>Before E, Ö, Y same turbulent as Sj, Stj, SH sound before I, Ä</b>   | <b>Pronounce both consonants</b>  |
| kan (can)<br>kommer (comes)<br>kunde (could)<br>skåda (behold)                             | tanke (thought) känna (feel)<br>skicka (send) kött (meet)<br>kyss (kiss) kör (run)<br><br><b>Exceptions - SH for kille (kill), but "K" for kille (guy), kör/kören (choir)</b> | vagnen (carriage) knappa (scarce)<br>välsigne (bless) knäpp (wacky)<br>tvungna (had) knä (knee)<br>kniv (knife) |
| <b>Sj, Stj, Skj (Sch)</b>  | <b>Tj, tj</b>   | <b>R</b>  |
| <b>Turbulence through the lips plus on roof of mouth, similar to the H-sound in "Hugh"</b> | <b>Light SH/CH with tongue tip behind your bottom teeth, so there's less explosion</b>  | <b>Rolled btwn vowels, OMIT the R pronounced with RD, RL, and RT</b>  |
| själ (soul)<br>sjö (lake)<br>stjärna (star)<br>stjälk (stem)                               | tjena (hey)<br>tjocka. (thick)<br>tjej (girl)<br>tjänst (service)   | <b>G is "Yee"</b><br>After R; so 'BERG' is "bair-yeen"  |
|  |   | <b>RS is "SH"</b><br>After R mid- and between words   |
|  |   | <b>S is always "S" - never "Z"</b>  |
| <b>mig, dig, sig</b><br>in modern texts - "may, day, say"                                  | <b>Q, W, Z</b><br>Q is 'K' - W is 'V' - Z is 'S'  | <b>D, T, L, N</b><br>Use the very TIP of tongue to back of TEETH  |